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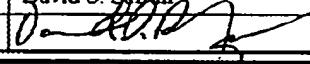
<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b> <small>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).</small>	Application Number 10/601,193  Filing Date 06/23/2003  First Named Inventor Jean-Guy COCAIGN  Group Art Unit 3612  Examiner Name Jason S. Morrow  Attorney Docket Number 033171-50
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO-SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14863 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

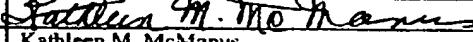
<b>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</b>			
<p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal for FY 2005</p> <p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for Three-month Extension of Time</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</p>			
<p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Submission of Formal Drawings</p>			
<b>2. Miscellaneous</b>			
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of <u>three (3)</u> months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)</p>			
<p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<b>3. Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.			
<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-2380(740123-450)</p>			
<p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$790.00</p>			
<p>ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - \$1,020.00</p>			
<p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>			
<p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed</p>			
<p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)</p>			

#### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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